

THE WEED IN PERSIA.

AN ORIENTAL LAND, SAID TO BE THE SMOKER'S PARADISE.

The Persian's Social Position Shown by the Number and Value of Ris Pipes. by starlight on the shores of this savage river. As I drew near the medley of The Eternal Water Pipe-The Etiquette

Persia is the smoker's paradise. In the first place, tobacco is cheap; fourteen pounds of it in the cured leaf cost from three to ten shill-ings. There is no middleman or manufactuter to mix, chop, scent, flavor and adulterate The grower cures it and packs it in bags of skin. In these bags the merchant sells it to the retailer; and then the smoker, pipe in hand, samples the various lots, and purchases from a pennyworth to a bagful, as seemeth to him good. There are various kinds of tobacco in Persin; the leaf tobacco, which is smoked in the kalian, for hubble-bubble; the Kurdish tobacco, which is almost white, and consists of the leaves and stalks of the plant coarsely pulverized. This is a very fragrant pipe tobacco, and may be obtained mild or excessively strong, and it is smoked in chibouques or in the Arab short clay pipe. The only recommendations of the Arab pipe are its cheapness and its portability. It is a simple tube of clay about six inches long, with a bore an inch in diameter; it is constructed in the middle, and beat at nearly a right angle. It is essentially the poor man's pipe, Crammed with a Kurdish tobacco, of which it will hold half an ounce, it is passed from hand to hand until it is smoked out.

In the north of Persia and in the capital the papires, or eigarette, is rapidly gaining ground; the commonest Samsoon tobacco is used as a rule, or a very similar article grown in Ghilan and rather superior to it. But the real national pipe of Persia is the kalian. Among the merchant and tradesmun class the kaiian is ever between the lies. The peripatetic vender of smoke is seen in Persia in every place where men congregate for business or pleasure. Even at executions the criminal will ask for and requive a farewell whiff of the eternal water pipe before he is blown from a gun. I have seen a man undergoing the long agonies of crucifizion seeking solace in the kalian.

THE PERSIAN AND HIS PIPES. by the number and the value of his pipes, The pipelearer to a great man is a highly miles paid demestic, who may have in his care paid demestic, who may have in its care from fifty to a hundred pipes, varying in value from £3 to £300. The pipes of the king and of the royal princes are often made. "Well, yes, that's all true enough, but entirely of gold incrusted with a profusion of gems; the middle and upper classes generally voirs and stems are of solid silver, the bowl sear that comes into the country? It's all only being of gold ernamented with gens or very well to tell us to improve our farms coamels. The religious classes mostly affect a kalian of the simplest kind; the water reservoir being a wide mouthed bottle of coarse ham in Harper's Magazine. porous clay, the stem being composed of curiously turned wood stained a bright crimson, and the bowl made of a black percelaig resembling about in appearance. But in the newspaper man will do this work—interprivacy of their own harenes the holy men do siewing included—about right if the man

cut and often decorated with the florid colart has avodered familiar to us. These glass ported verbatim, and who must dictate reservoirs, for which there is no enormous market throughout Persia and central Asia. are made in Russia. Rose water is frequently used in place of the vulgar fluid; rese leaves. tiny reseluds, and the immature fruit of the almond or plam are tossed into it, and as the emoler at each inhalation sets the liquid in violent motion a pleasant sight is thus offered for his contemplation, much resembling the pretty toys that may be seen in some of the filter shows in London. In the hot weather a fliter shops in London. In the hot weather n porous clay reservoir is nifected by all classes, as it is supposed to cool the water that parifles the fragrant snoke; they will even fee the water. The water is changed every time Dan Linahan in Globe-Democrat. the pipe is lighted, and is itself not without its uses; for it is an ever handy and never failing emetic-a useful thing in a country where poisoning is not infrequent.

ETIQUETTE AND PUNCTILIO. Probably the Persians are the most poetical as well as the most practical people in the world. All through the sammer the stems of their pipes are decorated with circles of tiny moss rose bads; or, the interstices having been filled with grass seeds or grains of corn, the pipe is handed to the smoker covered with rows of sprouting verdure an inch and a half This decoration of pipes is part of the duty of the pipe bearer or of the ladies of the harem, and the pipe bearer's office is no sinecure. He has several stocks of tobacco of varying quality.

The etiquette and punctilio of pipe smoking are endless. When a visitor is offered a pape, and there is not a second one, he declines it at once; his host must smoke first. This, if the entertainer be much superior in position, he will actually do, but otherwise he declines, and the guest, having first offered the pipe to the other visitors, who decline it as a matter of course, proceeds to smoke, and then it is handed round to everybody in order of rank.

No business in the east can be done with-out the smoking of many water pipes; it forms a large partion of the enjoyment of the Oriental bath, it fills up the pauses of conversation, and, when a man is at a less for an answer, it gives him time to think. The very sound of the bubbling water in a hot country is seething to the ear. That it is not smoked in Europe is probably due to the fact that he who would smoke the Persian water pape it for him.-Fereign Letter.

A Sketch of Von Moltke.

The great strategist represents in its highest development the modern military mind. His intellect is scientific, cold, mechanical. He was remarkable in his youth for his great powers of sustained thought. Imagination, though not absent, is in abevance. For all great scientific, even mechanical achievements, a certain amount of imagination is Chicago Herald. necessary. He is constituted to be the soul of a machine. His genius, which is constructive and not creative, is a faculty for mechanical combination, for scientifically manipulating military forces; combining, dividing, concentrating, launching them in new combinations, rearranging them, and hurling them again so as to thwart, paralyze and decimate systems of opposing forces, according to far reaching, elaborate schemes.

Yet his method is not rigid or bizarre; his plans are not laid down according to mere heory, as were those of the strategist of the Russian army in Turkey-in consequence of which defeat was heaped upon defeat. Moltke's plans are simple and general, essentially vital, flexible, adaptable, giving perfectly free scope for modification. Everything is taken into account; everything calculated for; all is contrived with perfect tact of circumstance, with regard to all contingencies all situations, with a foresight that has appeared well nigh prophetic. Again and again during the last war he divined the enemy's plans and counteracted them .- Time.

The Health Map.

The latest fad in England is the health map. It is simply a diagram of the muscles of the body, with directions how to exercise those which one's particular habit of life neglects. The various parts of the body are divided into groups. Group five relates to "cold feet." The exercise prescribed would be of great benefit, I should think, to those who invariably leave a card table when now she is poor and Rochester Post Express. they have won a stake. - New York Star.

A HUCKLEBERRY MARKET.

fanadian Berry Pickers and Euyers Long Distances to Market. The huckleberry market at Grand Bay gave me another glimpse of Saguenay life. At my camp on the beach I watched the tide steal up the sands till the great bay was filled to the brim, and the terraces of inhabited lands, a verdant amphithea-tre under bald granite peaks, rested in the silence of midnight. Then I walked over to the wharf to see a quaint market scene

sounds divided itself into many signs of human life; the driving of horses, the calls of men and women, the talking of a multitude, filled the obscurity with invisfble yet eager spirits. The road was lined on each side with carts and buckboards piled with boxes, and half draped with protecting boughs and grass. Half a dozen buyers moved about among the crowd, and their isnterns showed a forest of rough booted legs, of shaggy fetlocks and muddy wheels, and when the light was raised to examine an opened box of berries the tanned, furrowed, eager faces of men came out of the night like heads by Rembrandt. The darkness was full of strong human feeling, questions, answers, offers, refusals, expostulations, sighs of discouragement. A little booth at the end of the wharf

was filled with a crowd watching some boisterous men playing cards for candies; with hats tipped back and chins outstretched in eager disputations, they had shuffled off their mortal responsibilities onto the jack of trumps. In the opposite booth four strong, shaggy, black eyed men and a wrinkled dame sat about a dirty table and ate dry bread by the light of a candle. The talk in this dingy cabin was low and gloomy; a lad lying on his back on a bench announced in precise and bitter speech the condition of things: "The boxes must be large, well filled with clean fresh berries; the price, then, ladies

and gentlemen, is fifteen cents!"
"Just so," replied one of the men, as he crunched his crust with vim: "we are fourteen; we picked hard during two days, and got sixteen boxes; they gave me \$2.40 for the lot; eighty cents off for the bexes, leaves me \$1.60 for the profit. If they think that pays, let them pick and we'll buy.

"No danger," said another, "of their tramping over the rocks! And we're fools to spend our time for them. Now I come from near Lake St. John, about fifty miles from here, with twenty boxes, and The social position of the Persian is shown I've got \$2 net for picking three days with twelve hands, and for driving a hundred

Then they were silent for a while, till

what can we do? Blueberries are the only blessed thing that can be sold for cash. Where else could we get the \$15,000 instead of picking berries, but we'd starve to death on the farm alone."-C. H. Farn-

The Conscientions Newspaper Man.

It is my experience that a conscientious not disdain to smoke the costly pipes of their who has the news to give will only let wives; for everybody smokes in Persin—old him. Reporters don't wilfully and mamen and maidens, young men and children- liciously misquote talkers and misstate and the old women are the most inveterate facts, as they are so generally credited with doing, and I find that the best plan Among the middle classes the water reser. to pursue in giving material for publication is to state the facts clearly and let cut and often decorated with the florid col-the reporter do the dressing up. These ored and gilt ornamentation which Turkish fellows who always insist on being rethe text of every item they furnish, in-variably make a sorry mess of it. Another thing I've noticed: If a man has a speech prepared for a banquet, presentation or any occasion of that character, he had better give the reporter the manu-script and go it blind than trust himself to stick to his prepared speech, for, nine times in ten, he'll get away from his reporter has a grammatical and reasonably coherent composition to print instead

The Darwin Theory in Commerce.

This application of Darwin's great theory to commercial competition is more than a parable. It is the scientific explaof causes which have wrecked civilization in the past and may wreck them in the future. The struggle must go on while men are impelled by the desire for a greater profusion of what sustains life or makes it happier. It often has been, and often is, carried on by the sword, but important victories may be won, and disastrous defeats sustained, by more peaceful means.

The discovery of the passage round the Cape transferred the trade of the east from the Mediterranean to London and Amsterdam, and most merchants in the city affirm that the cutting of the Suez canal has once more deprived England of the advantage of situation. The com-mercial success of Switzerland, however, proves that national characteristics are at least as important as geographical position, and it is well from time to time to ask if we are doing all that in us lies to train those who shall follow us to maintain what our predecessors have won .-Nature.

Dead Letter Office Museum.

Connected with the dead letter office is a sort of museum, where curious articles that come in the mails and cannot be returned to owners are placed on exhibiti In the cabinets which extend round the room are shown articles innumerable and varied, many of which have histories. would need to keep a Persian servant to fill There are pictures and toys and jewelry without number. Several Indian hatch ets which were unclaimed give to one of the cabinets an archæological appearance, and a pair of Indian pipes of red sand stone cross each other in truly peaceful style. One of the rare curiosities is a sheet of parchment, on which is pinned the Lord's prayer in fifty-four languages. It is said to be a duplicate of a parchment which hangs in St. Peters's at Rome.

A Barber's Observations. The loquacious barbers how and then have intervals when they remark inci-dents that escape the attention of many in the tear and rush of life. "You sleep on the right side of your body," one of them said the other day, as he clipped the semi-blonde hair of a customer. "Why? Beblonde hair of a customer. "Why? Be-cause don't you see that your hair is thicker on the right than on the left side? We can readily tell on which side a customer sleeps. The heat is confined to the side of the head resting on the pillow, and that heat makes the hair grow thicker about the temple." The barber didn't explain the accepted statement that the constant wearing of the hat produces so much heat that men addicted to the practice are bald .- New York Sun.

Anna Dickinson.

To one who remembers how great a figure Anna Dickinson cut a quarter of a century ago, there is something not merely mournful, but almost shocking, in the neglect with which the great public treats her. To the mass of the northern people she was for a time a sort of inspired prophetess; they crowded to listen to her harangues with enthusiasm, and took her most careless and petulent utterances for sublime truths; and the slightest gossip about her life, her dress, her peculiarities, were almost as largely read as the news from armies in the field. And now she is poor and almost forgotten --

SCAPDINAVIAN THRIFT.

THE MEN WHO ARE CONQUERING THE FAR NORTHWEST.

Scandinavian Settlement in Northwestern Minnesota Sixteen Years Ago. How American Enterprise Has Since Yielded to Stolld Determination.

Sixteen years ago I rode slowly through a Scandinavian settlement in northwestern Minnesota. Today I have returned from a trip over almost the identical ground I then rod over. Then these people were poor and dirty. They lived in holes called dugouts. They owned but little property. They were strangers in the land and they were timid. The Chippewa Indians, then recently removed from Red Wing to White Earth, amused themselves by chasing, stick in hand, the Scandinavians around their farms and threatening to kill them. It was rare good sport for the rather cowardly Chippewa to find white men who were not expert with rifle and revolver, and who were afraid of fish eating Indians. The Americans who lived in the country previous to 1870 were rough, courageous men, who corrected an Indian but once; then he was buried by sorrowing relatives. So the Chippewa enjoyed the new breed of white men, who could not fight and would not swear, until they tired of the pleasures of the chase.

The dugouts in which the Scandinavians lived were generally excavated in the side of a hill which overlooked a small lake, and near at hand stood timber for fuel and shed building. Their plowed fields were very small. They impressed me as men who had been cowed and mentally injured by a life of hard, unremunerative toil and scanty diet. They were dirty and vermin infested. drank sour milk and ate heavy bread. They were not meat eaters. Poverty stalked among them. He who owned a yoke of cattle, a plow, a wagon, a cow, and a few chickens

was a man of wealth. Scattered among these Scandinavians and living on adjoining claims were vigorous, courageous young Americans, who had been raised on Ohio, Indiana and Illinois farms, and who had been educated in our common schools. They sprang from prime stock. They were accustomed to our laws and ways of living and methods of thought. They were handy men with tools. They were resourceful. They worked hard and lived as well as they could. They, too, lived in dugouts, but, as a rule, they had a better start in life than their Scandinavian neighbors. It was patent to me in those days that the American youth were sure to succeed, and that the native Scandinavian would fail to make a living That was a self evident proposition and easily comprehended by the dullest intellect.

HOW IT TURNED OUT. How did it turn out? Today the larger portion of the Americans who attempted agriculture in 1871-3 on the northwestern plains are scattered from Lake Superior to Puzet sound, from the Saskatcaewan to the Rio Grande. They work in every mining camplying in the Rocky and Salmon river mountains. They live in huts standing by lean and small placer mines. They pack heavy burdens on their backs as they prospect in the Vermilion Iron range. More than half of the Americans who then so hopefully undertook to create homes in Dakota and northwestern Minnesota mortgaged their farms and lost them, lost years of their lives, lost their hope and steadfastness of purpose, and they are today virtually wanderers who live from hand to mouth.

And the Scandinavians? They are, as a rule, highly prosperous. The dugouts were long since abandoned as places of residence, and in their stend are large, well built frame houses, which stand among shade trees and well kept gardens. Such houses as I looked into were well furnished. Sewing machines stood in almost every house. And the land which was wind swept and desolate sixteen years ago is today divided into fields by good, cattle proof fences, and heavy crops of wheat, oats and barley grow on the inclosed land. Cattle graze in fields or on the adjacent prairies, which is owned by land speculators, and frequently these small herd tended by a light haired boy, who rides an Indian pony. In sheds stand valuable agricultural tools, which have been paid for. The work cattle were sold long ago, and in their stead are two or three teams of powerful horses. And meat is in the pot three times a day in the kitchens of these houses. These ple have good credit at the trading points, and they seldom abuse it. They only of all the people who have pushed into the Northwest have, as a rule, made a success of life as lived under the hard conditions enforced by the climate, the land grant railroad corners. tions and the high price of the goods they consumed. They achieved this success by tireless industry, supplemented by rigid econ-

TODAY IT IS FALSE. It has been said sneeringly and with lips curved with contempt, and so frequently as to be generally believed by Americans who live in the west, that "the Scandinavians sell all the agricultural produce that they raise which is marketable. They feed the best of the remainder to their pigs, and what the pigs refuse to eat they eat themselves." Fif-

teen, sixteen years ago, when these people were getting a start, that statement was but a slight exaggeration. To-day it is false in every particular. They live as well as their American neighbors, and they pay for the groceries which they eat; and that is a finan-cial transaction which the average American farmer who tills land on the frontier shrinks from until he is screwed up to the paying point by the long headed merchant firting chattel mortgages which bear his name in his face and talking savagely the while of pro-ceedings against him the next time court

The land owned by Scandinavians is, as a rule, unincumbered, or so lightly mortgaged that the payment of interest is not an oppres sive burden. Some of the farms are mortgaged for from \$300 to \$500. These mortgages were laid to raise money to buy stock and could generally be paid at any time. I know of no Scandinavian who has mortgaged his acres to the utmost extent, as Americans very generally do, and I know no farmer of that people who speculates in the wheat pits of Chicago, as thousands of American farm-

ers do. The young Scandinavians of American birth, or those who came here when they were young, have lost the peculiar look characteristic of their parents. And, what is more important, they have lost the methods of thought employed by their people when first they arrived on our shores. With good and abundant food has come courage and intelligence, and cleanliness, and in many cases beauty. They are Americans in thought and feeling and action. No people who have come to our land have been more quickly assimilated than these.-Frank Wilkeson in New York Times.

Kaiser Wilhelm at the Window,

The other day I chanced to be "Unter her Linden" as the guard made its daily march passing the palace of the emperor. The music and soldiers had approached. and were passing just as the curtains parted, and there stood the aged kaiser, bowing pleasantly to the enthusiastic crowd, who were waving hats and hand-kerchiefs and hurrahing lustily. "Oh, what a sweet looking old gentleman!" ex-claimed a female voice in my neighborhood, and, turning, I saw a very pretty American girl, all eyes and excitement. The once stalwart, powerful form of Wil-helm I is bent with age, and his steps are becoming infirm, yet the wonderful old man who can enjoy the pleasure of sainting an enthusiastic people, with the fine little 5 year old grandchild of his noble and beloved son at his side, drew forth many admiring remarks at his splendid preservation in his advanced age.—Berlin Cor. Courier-Journal Dying on Board Ocean Steamers.

Every steamer which enters or leaves New York should be provided with the necessary ice boxes and other accommodations for keeping the remains of pa gers who die en route, and the should be conveyed to port and delivered to those who have the right to dispose of them. Even if the passenger dies on the first day out, his remains should be kept. The running time of the majority of steamers plying between New York and England or France, is seven or eight days. Some of the German lines require from from twelve to fifteen days, but their obligations to land their passengers, dead or alive, are just as great as those of the cum

panies which make quicker time. I could cite a number of harrowing cases, which show the inhumanity of the custom of burial at sea, but every reader can form a notion of how he would feel if informed that his mother, brother or sister, whom he awaited on the pier, had died on the vessel and had been wrapped in a winding sheet and dropped into the engulfing waters. Coupled with the horror of such news is the aggravated consciousness that the captain and his officers have overstepped the bounds of duty in thus disposing of the remains of whom the bereft person would rather see dead than not at all. There is an intensely gloomy sentiment in the fact that our friends-those whom we most love and cherish-are filling nameless graves. And it is beyond reconciliation to think of them anchored to the bottom of the deep, the bait of marine scavengers .-Leon Mead in The Epoch.

Consequences of Intermarriage. "Do consanguineous marriages neces sarily lead to diseases in the offspring?" is a question which has been argued pro and on for a great many years. Alfred Henry Huth has furnished a very carefully considered answer in the negative in his work entitled "The Marriage of Near Kin" (London: Longmans, 1887). Mr. Huth examines, in the light of all the known facts, first: Whether consanguineous marriages are themselves, by the mere fact of consanguinity and irrespective of any inheritance, injurious to the offspring; whether in a marriage between two relatives who are both perfectly healthy, who live under healthy condi-tions, and whose families are perfectly healthy, the children born will probably be unhealthy. And, second: Whether consanguineous marriages give a greater proportion of unhealthy children than n-consanguineous marriages; or, in other words, whether it is a fact that consanguineous marriages, through intensi-fication of a previously dormant hereditary family taint, give a greater propor-tion of unhealthy children. His conclusion, substantially, is that providing both parents are healthy, no harm need be ex-pected to result to the children of such marriages; while if both parents exhibit a proclivity to any particular form of disease (as, for example, scrofula), the ten-dency is likely to be exaggerated in the children. This accords with the prac-tical, everyday experience of the stock raiser and horse breeder.—Chicago Her-

The Destruction of Invention

Society proffers its highest honors and ewards to its inventors and discoverers; out, as a matter of fact, what each inventor or discoverer is unconsciously try ng to do is to destroy property, and his measure of success and reward is always proportioned to the degree to which he effects such destruction. If to-morrow it should be announced that some one had so improved the machinery of cotton manufacture that 10 per cent, more of fiber could be spun and woven in a given time, with no greater or a less expendi-ture of labor and capital than heretofore, all the existing machinery in all the cotton mills of the world, representing an investment of millions upon millions of dollars, would be worth little more than so much old iron, steel and copper; and the man who should endeavor to resist that change would, in face of the fierce comof the world, soon find himself

sankrupt and without capital. In short, all material progress is effected by a displacement of capital equally with that of labor; and nothing marks the rate of such progress more clearly than the rapidity with which such dis occur. There is, however, this difference between the two factors involved. Labor displaced, as a condition of progress, will be eventually absorbed in other occupations; but capital displaced, in the sense of substituting the new for what is old, is practically destroyed.-Hon. David A. Wells in Popular Science Monthly.

Sunday in the French Capital. All Paris works on Sunday; the shops are open and much of the city work goes usual. The city has 550 wagons and 1,000 horses collecting the garbage. So that by 8 o'clock in the morning the whole city is clean. The wagons have immense revolving brushes fastened to them, and men, and even women, wash the streets with quantities of clear water. You can cross a street the year round without soiling your shoes.

I think you have to be out in the streets of Paris at all hours to really know it. The women among the working classes wear such picturesque caps. every woman I see and fix her cap with my eye, and then hasten home and try to make one like it-but they are always, so stiffly starched I cannot succeed in giving mine just the right air. I wish I could buy every cap I see.-Elizabeth Nourse in Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Actresses Off the Stage.

Off the stage actresses may be roughly divided into two classes, one composed of those who try to carry its glamor into their daily lives, who never allow any one unless it is their maid to see them until they are "made up," and to further help art assist nature receive their visitors in a darkened drawing room or in a bondoir with drawn blinds and rose colored shades. They flatter themselves that in this way they preserve their reputation for beauty, well, M. D., wargeon in charge. Office No. 222 North Main St., Wichita, Kas. bravely ignoring the fact that what pleases the eye in the perspective shocks it in proximity. The other class delight in showing their utter disregard for personal appearance, and revel in freedom from wigs and whitewash .- New York Press.

How a Locomotive Wrecks Itself. Of all the accidents most feared by railroad engineers, and one of frequent occurrence, is that of the breaking of a driving rod while the engine, is running at a high rate of speed. How it can occur, as it often does, and those in the cab escape with their lives is always considered a miracle. The minute the heavy bar, or rod, as it is commonly called, breaks, or the crank pin which fastens the end to the driving wheel gives way, the massive piece of iron goes whizzing through the air, striking the engine and the ground. battering and smashing everything that it comes in contact with. Old engineers can relate some very interesting experiences of this kind.—Albany Express.

Ben: Perley Poore left a great amount of valuable papers. He had tens of thousands of autographs, and he began to keep autographs with one which Andrew Jackson gave him. He never allowed anything interesting to go to waste, and his collection is a very to go to waste, and an concern B a very valuable one historically. His wife, who is a very accomplished woman, is spending the winter in Washington, and she lives at the Ebbitt house, in the same old rooms which she and Maj. Poore occupied last year. She helped Ben: Perley Poore very much with his work, and she was as interested in his success as Mrs. John A. Logan was in that of the general.—Carpenter's Washington Let-

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